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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Executive Staff, O/DDI

SUBJECT:

OBI Finished Intelligence Publications

1. Periodicals: There are no OBI publications in this category except a biweekly Map Acquisition List and infrequent Map Notices which, presumably, you would not want included as finished intelligence.

2. Standing Requests: Excluding the NIS, the schedule for which undergoes USIB review, the following OBI publications are in response to standing requests:

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Excluded from automatic
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3. Ad Hoc Requests: Production in this category, excluding maps and graphics, includes:

a. Geographic Intelligence Memoranda: These compactly record and interpret environmental factors bearing on foreign developments of major security interest to the U. S. The reports are designed to support policy-level officials in the Government. Most are self-initiated.

b. Geographic Intelligence Reports: Externally disseminated studies in depth of foreign geographical subjects having intelligence significance. Because of staffing limitations, these appear rarely and are almost always self-initiated.

c. Geographic Intelligence Briefs: Short special support or current reporting pieces designed to relate geographic intelligence to spot or routine support needs of research, estimates, and operations planning activities in the Government. Some Briefs are self-initiated; most of them receive only internal CIA distribution.



Whenever a request calls for a substantial investment of time, a "Request for Project Approval" is submitted by the Chief,  to the Director of Basic Intelligence. A recommendation for acceptance of a request is based upon the professional knowledge and judgment of the geographic intelligence officer. Among the factors considered before a project is accepted are the following: Level of individual requesting, stated urgency, intended use, scope of requirement, capability of producing branch, and the effect on other priority work. A particularly important factor in determining the validity of special requests is the OBI contact with  which is both familiar with the DD/I capability and viewpoint and fully witting of the operational activity concerned.

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